Subject No. 5.

Breach of Contract Act.

Mr. Keladi Venkappa.
" Nadig Seenappa.
" Patel Basappa, Shimoga Taluk.
" Guru Rao.
" Padmanna.
" Chendrasekharaiya, Nanjangud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Breach of Contract Act which is in force in the case of the coolies of the coffee plantations may also be extended to the coolies working in arecanut gardens, &c. At present the garden owners are put to much loss on account of the coolies not doing work according to their contract.

Reply of Government.—The Act is in force and the application of it must be left to the Court.

Subject No. 6.

The Limitation Act and the arrears of Government revenue.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The arrears of revenue due to Government and also to Municipalities are not barred by limitation and are being levied at any time by the adoption of coercive measures. But the arrears of rent due to land-holders are subject to the provision of the Limitation Act. Consequently a difference in the system is followed as regards the levy of Government arrears and the arrears due to landlords. It is therefore requested that no limit of time should be fixed for the recovery of arrears due to landlords.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done. Landlords cannot be placed on a par with Government.

Subject No. 7.

Introduction of Gambling Act.

Mr. Bhaskara Rao, Sorab Taluk.
" Keladi Venkappa, Sagar Taluk.
" C. N. Krishnappa, Taluk Member, Hiriyur.
" Narasingappa, Taluk Member, Jagalur.
" Venkatasamaiya, Chamrajnagar Taluk.
" Doddegowda, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Gambling Act may be introduced into the State with a view to prevent the evil effects of gambling by which many persons are being ruined. This was represented in previous years, to which a reply was given last year that the necessary provisions had been embodied in the draft Police Regulation which was before Government. It is requested that early action may be taken in the matter.

Reply of Government.—Provision in respect to gambling has been embodied in the Draft Police Regulation, which may be expected to soon come into force.

Subject No. 8.

Municipal Regulation.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, Shimoga Municipality.
" C. Subba Rao, Advocate, Nagar Sabha.
" C. Narayanasamy Chetty, Chikballapur Taluk.
" D. Gopalachar of Devanhalli.
" K. Venkatasubbaiya of Nanjangud.

Summary of discussion.—The (draft) Municipal Regulation may be passed into law, which will not only place the Municipalities on a sound basis but will define the rights and liabilities of these useful institutions and thereby enable them to work in a more satisfactory manner.

Reply of Government.—The Draft Municipal Regulation is awaiting final sanction.

Subject No. 9.

Amendment of Section 60 of the Forest Regulation.

Mr. Srikantaiya Maddagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Under Section 60 of the Forest Regulation, presumption is that all forest produce belongs to Government until the contrary is proved. In many cases logs of timber are prepared out of trees standing on occupied lands and they are removed therefrom a long time afterwards when the innocent occupants fail to prove satisfactorily that they do not belong to Government. This entails hardship on the occupants. During the time when Mr. B. K. Venkatavarada Iyengar was the Deputy Commissioner of the Tumkur District, the practice was for the

patels to keep a register showing all timber removed from occupants' lands. This register was also being signed by the taluk officers. The same practice may now be brought into force, so as to minimise the inconvenience caused to the occupants.

Reply of Government.—This is not feasible.

Subject No. 10.

Introduction of village Munsiff's Court.

Mr. Madappa of Mysore Taluk.
,, Hutcheeregowda of Gubbi Taluk

Summary of discussion.—At present patels generally are intelligent and literate. They may be made village munsiffs, being empowered to entertain and decide civil suits the subject matter of which is less than Rs. 10, with the help of three Panchayets.

Messrs. Madappa and Huetcheeregowda spoke in favour, and Mr. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur against the proposal.

Reply of Government.—The subject has been already discussed last year. No action can be taken at present.

Subject No. 11.

Village Punchayet Act for the Mysore State.

Messrs. Guru Rao Padmanna, and Chendrasekharaiya of Nanjangud Taluk. K. Krishnamurti Rao of Magadi

Summary of discussion.—The Village Panchayet Act may be introduced into the Mysore Province for the benefit of the public as they are now put to vain expense on account of the court costs for seeking redress in the Munsiffs' Courts even in petty cases.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done now. A reply was given last year to that effect.

Subject No. 12.

Police Regulation.
Mr. E. R. George (Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board)

Summary of discussion.—The early introduction of the Regulation is requested in order that the hands of the Police and Sanitary Board may be strengthened.

Reply of Government.—The necessity for the early introduction of the Police Regulation is recognized by Government, and its revision is now in the hands of a special committee. Efforts will be made to soon pass the Regulation.

Subject No. 13.

Rules *in re* Trade in Illicit Gold.

Mr. Seenappa, Shanbhog of Hoskote.
,, Ramachendrappa, District Fund Member of Devanhalli.
,, Kharebhame Narasimaiya Setty of Closepet.
Messrs Desakulakarani Dasappa and Chennalingappa of Nelamangala.
Mr. C. B. Gopal Rao, Kolar Municipality.
,, Mudrajappa, Kolar Municipality.
,, B. G. Garudachar.

Summary of discussion.—The existing rules inculpating illicit traders in Kolar Field gold is detrimental to that branch of trade itself as pure gold is likely to be confounded with Field gold and ordinary people cannot easily distinguish it. The rules may therefore be revised and modified so as not to affect *bona fide* traders and purchasers.

Facilities might be given for the people to get suspicious gold examined by the State Geologist.

Mr. Gopala Rao said that the law may be made applicable only to sponge gold which cannot be had in the market for sale but not to bar gold which should not be seized.

Section 411 of the I. P. C. may be made non-cognizable as regards gold.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao said that some officer may be appointed to assay and certify gold not to be Kolar gold on payment.